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Mayor Wilson last night declared Phila's sympathy strike of waterfront workers "outlaw & illegal."

He ordered police to arrest all pickets. The order will stand unless a formal strike is called by the unions, he said.

His strike squad & dist. police immediately went into action along the waterfront. They arrested 10 pickets, charging them with disorderly conduct when they refused to "move on."

All were given immediate hearings before magistrate O'Hara. Harry F. Owens, 30, who carried cards of the Marine Transport Workers, an I.W.W. organization was given 30 days in jail as a "ringleader." Seven others were fined $10 and costs each and two were discharged. All carried Seamens' union cards.

The strike was called by rank & file leaders of seamen, long shoremen & truckers in support of the West Coast waterfront strike.

Mayor Wilson ordered police protection for longshoremen unloading foreign ships & for truckers who drive to ships being picketed. Leaders of all 3 unions have called the strike illegal, he said.

The Mayor said "There is no strike and there are no pickets."

Anyone who wears a picket sign or attempts to picket - unless a formal strike is called by union officials - is not a picket and will not be recognized as a picket. They will be arrested if they interfere. Mayor Wilson said nevertheless that he was prepared to delegate that decision to his Labor Advisory Comm. which is made up entirely of labor leaders and would heed board's recommendation and execute them as far as consistent with public welfare.

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